

REMARKS

In response to a final Office Action mailed June 21, 2005 and a telephone conference with Examiner Miller on August 1, 2005, the Applicant has amended the claims in order to overcome the Examiner's rejections.

Specifically, the Applicant has defined the slit as being formed in and through the lens optic with the slit extending into the anterior surface and out of the peripheral edge.

In view of this amendment to the claims, the Applicant submits that the rejections of the Examiner under 35 USC 102 of claims 1, 8, 27, and 29 on the basis of U.S. 5,968,094 to Werblin as well as rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 27, and 29 under 35 USC 102(b) on the basis of U.S. 6,113,633 to Portney and claims 1, 4, 8, 27 rejected under 35 USC 102(b) on the basis of U.S. 4,842,601 to Smith and finally rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 8, and 27-29 under 35 USC 102(e) on the basis of U.S. 6,197,058 to Portney are overcome.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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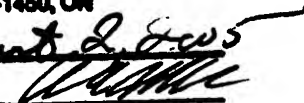
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